
EFFECTIVE

Immediately upon receipt.

SUBJECT

1. Title IV-E funding eligibility changes. Policy changes described in Interim Bulletin AAB 2009-002 have been added to AAM 200 and AAM 210.
2. Revised documentation requirements for Adoption Support Subsidy applications (DHS-1341).

POLICY CHANGES**Title IV-E Funding
Eligibility****AAM 200, Adoption Support Subsidy Eligibility and Funding
Source Determination**

Policy has been revised to reflect expanded title IV-E funding eligibility requirements as described in the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 [P.L. 110-351]. The revised policy changes the adoption support subsidy title IV-E funding eligibility criteria and increases the number of children who are eligible for title IV-E funding.

The revised title IV-E funding eligibility criteria are phased in for specific special needs children over a nine-year period beginning October 1, 2009. A child to whom the revised eligibility criteria apply is referred to as an **applicable child**. An **applicable child** is a special needs child who meets **one** of the following:

- For fiscal year 2010, is age 16 or older before October 1, 2010.
- Has been in foster care for at least 60 consecutive months at any time.
- Is a sibling to either of the above children if both are to be placed in the same adoptive placement.

Each fiscal year through 2018, the age for the **applicable child** is reduced by two years.

Reason: Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 [P.L. 110-351].

**Felony
Convictions**

Policy regarding persons with felony has been updated.

Reason: Clarification of title IV-E requirements.

**Adoption
Assistance
Following Juvenile
Guardianship**

Policy has been added.

Reason: Compliance with the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 [P.L. 110-351].

**Adoption
Assistance
Following a
Dissolved
International
Adoption**

Policy has been added.

Reason: Compliance with the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 [P.L. 110-351].

**Adoption Support
Subsidy
Application
Documentation
Requirements****AAM 210, Adoption Support Subsidy Rate Determination**

Policy has been added requiring submission of a current determination of care (DOC) assessment with every DHS-1341, Adoption Assistance and Medical Subsidy Application. This includes DOC assessments that indicate a DOC supplement is not required.

The DHS-1341 has been revised to correspond with policy.

Reason: Requirements for a complete adoption subsidy record.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**

Changed Items (content changes) ...

AAM 200

AAM 210